CHARACTER PROJECT ASSIGNMENT - The Catcher in the Rye

PROMPT

Holden is always calling everyone a phony. He thinks just about everyone is pretending to be someone they really aren't. Here's a chance for you to be a "phony"—pretend to be someone you aren't.

Your assignment is to choose a person, either a person that you wish you could be or someone else if you wish, study that person--learn his/her mannerisms, clothing style, speech patterns/accents, everything about him/her you can find and digest--, and create a profile to share with the class. This profile would show the characteristics that you would want to embody from that character. Your profile should include images of your person, an audio component (song, interview etc. This may not be possible if you pick a historical character that died before audio was around) and a video component. You can make this as a collage (with captions noting what in that image we are to know about your character) an imovie, a power point, etc… any medium will do.

HOW TO BEGIN

The first thing is to choose your person

Next, gather information. Use every resource possible: books, magazines, videos, television episodes, baseball cards--anything that has information that will be useful to you. Look online for movie clips, interviews, reread novel sections if your person is a character etc.

PROFILING

When you have enough information, begin to plan your profile.

Character from a Book or Play: Portray a defining scene for that character. You can find a clip, or create a short story board for this aspect.

Character from a Television Show or Movie: Portray a defining scene for that character. You can find a clip, or create a short story board for this aspect.

Historical Figure: What significant act is that figure known for? Can you find a speech said by him or her? An important political idea? etc

Sports Figure: What are the mannerisms and characteristics of this character? How can you show them off? What records has he or she made?